

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Sinclair S17678

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State of Missouri, County of Madison

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared before Thomas Cooper, William Anthony and Anthony Clubb, Justices of the County Court of Madison County and State of Missouri aforesaid, and now sitting, Robert Sinclair a resident of liberty Township in the County of Madison and State of Missouri aged 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That the Said applicant substituted in the place of his brother John Sinclair in Captain Aaron Lewis's company of Militia, but shortly after Captain Lewis was promoted to the office of Major and Charles Cox was appointed Captain of said Company. Said Company was levied in Washington County State of Virginia. William Campbell was General and Arthur Campbell was Colonel: Captain Cox's company rendezvoused at the Wolf Hills, and marched to Powell's Valley to guard the Frontiers, 16 days after reaching Powell's Valley Solomon Kendrick the spy was killed by the Indians and this applicant and Andrew Linum [?] acted as spies. Said applicant was at Powell's Valley about three months at the end of that time ~~we marched to~~ myself and Andrew Linum went to Blackmore's [sic, Blackmore's] fort on Clinch River and acted together as spies, for about 20 days under the command of Captain Crump at which time Linum and myself were out as spies; and he and myself were sitting on a log, when we were fired upon a party of Indians, Linum was killed; three balls passed through the clothes of this applicant. After the death of Linum William Richardson took his place. Applicant was at Blackmore's fort about two months. Afterwards applicant and William Richardson were stationed at New Garden Fort on Clinch River and remained there one month. From New Garden Fort applicant was removed to Cowan's fort and remained there one month; after the end of that month applicant went again to Powell's fort and remained there one month; and again went to Blackmore's and so at the end of each month went to each successive fort until Furgason's [sic, Patrick Ferguson's] defeat. In the interim having skirmishes with the Indians and Tories: one particularly recollected, General William Campbell collecting a company of 75 men, and marching to attack a body of Tories in Osborne's & Baker's settlements in the forks of New River, in which we attacked

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we took and killed nine Tories, and drove them over the Blue Ridge in the direction to North Carolina.

Said applicant was Lieutenant in Captain William Edmondson's Company of Militia: and was on his way from Washington County Virginia with the Army in the march to King's Mountain under Colonel William Campbell, but was not in the engagement, having been left with the sick on the Yellow mountain near the head of Chucky [sic, Nolichucky] & Watauga Rivers. Soon after Ferguson's

defeat applicant was discharged from further hostility against the British. But was for about two years afterwards on tours of duty against the Indians. From the extreme great age of the applicant he cannot ascertain the year he went into service, by recurring [sic, referring] to the History of the Revolution War he might possibly identify the year, and might suggest events and occurrences which would render his detail more specious: but he will rely upon his badly recollected statement conscious of the truth which it represents, and disclaiming to ask anything undeservedly of that government for which he has fought in his youngest days, and in which he has lived to see many blessings – applicant states that he does not ever recollect that he ever had a written discharge, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Sinclair, X his mark

[William McCurtrey, a clergyman, and Elijah O'Bannon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1833, at a County Court held within and for the County of Madison, before William Anthony and Thomas Cooper a quorum of the Justices of said court, personally appeared in open court Robert Sinclair and made the following declaration, to amend his former Declaration in order to obtain a pension.

That he was born in the State of North Carolina and resided in Washington County Virginia when I entered the service: that about the age of 16, in the year 1776, he substituted in the place of his brother John Sinclair, as a private, was drafted to supply a draft or call for a draft made on the militia of that County, for one month, and was first mustered into service at Washington town house, as it was called, in the company commanded by Captain Aaron Lewis, Captain Lewis was soon after promoted to Major and Charles Cox succeeded him as Captain, the Regiment or Battalion was under the command of Colonel Arthur Campbell, and the General officer commanding in that section of the Country was General William Campbell. The duties and services of said are pointed out in the original declaration. At the end of the month for which applicant Substituted he was verbally discharged. This duty commenced on the ninth day of March 1776 & terminated on the ninth day of April ensuing. In the month of April 1776, applicant volunteered to supply a call of the militia as a private (and acted as a spy) for three months, and was mustered into service at Black's fort on Holston River & we were marched from Black's fort to Powell's Valley, the Captain under whom I served was Charles Cox who commanded at that place, at the end of these three months applicant was discharged by Captain Cox, & I then went to my brother's under the promise to return to the fort within 16 days and sooner if called upon by Captain Cox who urged me to engage for another tour of three months – and within 10 days there was a call for me by Captain Cox and again my name was enrolled in his company, as a Spy. During this tour of three months Linum & myself acted as Spies, and our services have been detailed in original declaration. Immediately after being discharged I was again called into service and acted as a spy in company with William Richardson for three months; and we were stationed at New Garden Fort on Clinch River as private in Captain William Norton's company, who was stationed there. Applicant was at the end of said tour of three months dismissed. The services of said tour are delineated in original declaration.

Said applicant acted as Lieutenant in Captain William Edmondson's company on their march to King's Mountain and was for some time in actual service, but from the great time elapsed he cannot say how long he served, or what were the terms of the service. He therefore declines saying any more in relation there to positively but believes it was for one month.

Applicant states that he removed to this County in 1812, and from the great distance he lives from the place where his services were rendered he cannot prove his services, nor has said applicant

any documentary evidence to establish the said facts of his service.

His relinquishment is in his original declaration.

And to the interrogatories prescribed by the War department & put by the Court, the said Robert Sinclair answers and says, as follows

1<sup>st</sup> I was born in the State of North Carolina and my father removed to the State of Virginia when I was about eight years old.

2<sup>nd</sup> I have not at this time any record of my age, my father some years since removed to Arkansas Territory and took with him the record of my age.

4<sup>th</sup> [sic] I belonged to the Militia which was classed, and substituted for one month for my brother was drafted, but the subsequent tours were voluntarily performed.

5<sup>th</sup> I was acquainted with Captain Lewis, Charles Cox: Colonel Arthur Campbell and General William Campbell; with Captain William Norton & Captain William Edmondson, also with William Anthony, Thomas Cooper, William M. Newberry, Micajah Stone, John Matthews Senior, Theodore F. Long [?] & Caleb Cox to whom reference can be had respecting my character for veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: W. M. Newberry, Clk

S/ Robert Sinclair, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]